



Class 1's Autumn Learning Journey (1)

September 2026



Welcome back to the Autumn Term. We hope you had a wonderful Summer holiday and have come back refreshed and ready to learn.

This half term will be all about getting to know our new Reception children, getting to know each other and learning how to be kind to one another. The Autumn term is a very exciting term, especially with Halloween, fireworks and Christmas, just around the corner.

Our topic for this term is: *What is it like here?*

This topic promises to be a very exciting one. We will be learning about where we live and where we are located on the map of the UK. We will learn all about features maps by looking at them from an aerial view. Even we will create our own maps of the school grounds as to why everyone else in the school likes it.



Please ask your child their opinion on whether they would prefer to live in the countryside or the city?

If you have any photographs of farm or city visits, please email them in.

We really enjoy our maths lessons and where possible, we try to make them as practical as possible. Practical maths helps us to visualise concepts to help us draw and complete written methods. Our Reception children will be working hard to recognise, read and write numbers to 5, using a range of natural resources to match the numeral shown with the correct quantity. We learn to write numbers using sand, water, paint, chalk and pencils.

If you'd like to help your child, encourage them to count to 5 forwards and backwards and where possible, practice writing numbers 1–5 using everyday materials.

Year 1 and Y2 children will learning to recognise, read and write numbers to 20 and 50. They will use their number knowledge to work out the value of each digit within a 2 digit number. They will also be exploring 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.

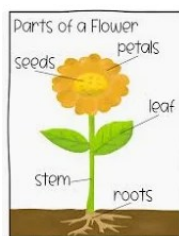
Please encourage your child to write numbers to 20 (Y1) or 50 (Y2) using a range of different resources. Whilst walking past front door, gates or supermarket prices, ask your child, 'What is that number?' e.g. 26—'Which is the tens digit? (2 it represents 20)

Our English lessons will focus lots around a narrative called Ruby's Worry. Ruby's worry is all about sharing our worries and feeling with our friends and grown ups; helping us to resolve problems, with support.

We will also be sequencing story events of a traditional tale twist, 'Pigs might fly.' An adaption of, 'The three little pigs.' Look out for the big bad wolf and some building construction!

Our reception children will take part in lots of story telling, sequencing and drama activities. They will learn to hold a sentence and orally say it back. Some may even have a go at writing their own sentence. Year 1 and Year 2 will be working hard to use capital letters, full stops and to improve their handwriting. We will also be learning more about nouns, verbs and adjectives and applying them in our writing.

In science we will be learning all about plants. In our Introduction to Plants topic, children will learn about the different parts of a plant and what each part does. They will explore what plants need to grow and stay healthy, including sunlight, water and the right conditions. Children will have opportunities to observe, grow and care for plants, while learning to identify and name a variety of common plants and flowers.



In our Art and DT lessons, the children will explore colour, pattern and texture through painting and mixed media. They will use different tools and techniques to create artwork inspired by the world around them, developing their confidence in mixing and using colours. Through seasonal crafts, children will explore different materials and creative techniques to make artwork linked to the changing seasons.

Important

Day	Activity
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	PE
Thursday	
Friday	Forest School & PE

Every week, we also engage in a PSHE lesson, Computing lesson PE lesson and an RE lesson.

In PSHE, we will be learning all about different families and relationships.



Our computing lessons will teach us all about how computational thinking helps us create things in everyday situations and how technology is all around us. We learn the basics of how to use a key board and learn to log into our learning platforms.

In RE, we will be learning about why God is important to Christians and why Jesus' stories are so important to Christians



We enjoy all opportunities for PE lessons and as the nicer weather is still upon us, we will be taking part in more outdoor lessons. We will develop our throwing and catching skills and developing our dance moves in line with the seasons. Please ensure your child has a pair of trainers or pumps for these lessons as well as a pair of black or blue shorts and a navy blue PE top. We will be changing in school as it is part of our development.



We will continue toothbrushing. Look out for your child's consent packs, via email.



Please read with your child daily.